

***For Your Information***  
***Weekly***  
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF  
August 15, 2014

**Dates to Remember:**

August 18, 2014	City Commission Meeting/Budget Workshop
August 21, 2014	Golf Course Advisory Board
August 26, 2014	Hendry-Clewiston Recreation Board

**Staff Reports**

**Community Development Director Reese reports:**

- The new homes being constructed in Orchard Park are moving along quickly. Tie beam/lintel inspections are done on all five (5) new single family homes and roof work has started on two (2).
- Clewiston Fire Department responded to a fire at the boat basin and found a commercial fishing boat completely engulfed in flames. A second boat, moored nearby, was also burning. Both fires were contained and one boat was removed by the owner, the other remains sunk at the basin but will be removed by the end of the week.

**Library Director Barrett reports:**

- The Library is currently engaged in writing to the Southwest Florida Community Foundation for funding to support phase 2 of the I HELP grant. The emphasis for this new cycle is on literacy for the family – reading, math, and computer. We have been approved for the first 2 stages of the grant process. Now we seek approval for the last stage. The funding we received last year helped us to create a new computer lab that is fully equipped with 16 brand new computers for users, in addition to a classroom for teaching and for meeting space.
- The Library has basically lost the services of one of our best volunteers, Mrs. Joanne Styles. We are therefore seeking volunteer assistance from any person willing to be trained to work at our circulation desk. Call the library at 983-1493 and ask for Ava.
- GED classes will close out this week, not next week as indicated in last week's FYI. We have had the opportunity to impact the lives of 17 people in our community who now have the opportunity to get a high school diploma.
- The Home Based Business training program in Harlem on August 12, 2014 was a huge success. Over 20 persons signed up for it, including people coming in from LaBelle. This program is one of those with sponsorship by the SW Florida Community Foundation.

**Police Chief Gutshall reports:**

- The A/C condensing unit for Records and Dispatch failed last week. Repair was not possible. It is a budgeted item and is in the process of being replaced. FYI, it is very possible two more will fail within the coming fiscal year.
- Vehicle burglaries continue to pop up intermittently on the North side of town. No vehicles have suffered forced entry, only unlocked vehicles have been targeted.
- The statewide DUI enforcement effort began Wednesday August 13. We will be on the lookout for DUI offenders, as well as taking the opportunity to educate the public of the risks, dangers and consequences of impaired driving.
- A cyclist was bitten by an off leash dog while riding on the levy this week. The animal owner was charged and the dog is being held pending a vicious dog hearing. This was the second documented unprovoked biting incident for the dog.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:
 

<b>1143</b>	Commercial Residential Security Checks
<b>612</b>	Complaints Investigated
<b>23</b>	Arrests Made
<b>26</b>	Traffic Citations Issued
<b>30</b>	Traffic Warnings Issued
<b>36</b>	Red Light Camera Violations
<b>15</b>	City Ordinance Violations
<b>16</b>	Alarms Responded To
<b>59</b>	Merchant Escorts Provided
<b>6</b>	Traffic Accidents Investigated

**Public Works Director Scheffler reports:**

- Street Maintenance: (1) Staff set "School Zone" signage this week. (2) Sidewalk at Ponce, Berner and on Deane Duff were poured on Thursday. (3) Staff replaced missing street markers. (4) The last tree to be moved from the High School were moved this week to the Commerce park entrance.
- Facility Maintenance: (1) Work at the Senior Citizens Building is the project at hand. All old carpet has been removed by contractor. Staff is adding additional outlets and adding insulation to the south exterior wall. Adding AC ducts and exhaust fans to the restrooms and prepping for the new "beverage station".
- Boy Scout Projects: Bike rack and and gazebo sidewalk are scheduled to be poured on Saturday morning. Back stop upgrade & repair not yet started.
- Paving project: The 2015 project bid opening is scheduled for August 28<sup>th</sup>. As of Monday, six paving companies that have picked up bid packets.

**Recreation Director Ramer reports:**

- Remodeling of the Sr. Citizen Center is progressing nicely. Anticipated problems are being met and fixed appropriately.
- The Harlem Gym floor, stage and foyer remodel are nearing completion. Just a little trim paint and it will be completed. Additional painting in the gym will be accomplished by volunteers in the community and individuals needing community service hours. Come out and take a look!

- Adult Men's Basketball finished their season on Tuesday night at the Harlem Gym with the Belle Glade/South Bay Team completing a "3" peat in the Championship Game. K&M Drugs of Clewiston won Runner-Up honors this year.
- Co-Ed Softball is winding up their season on Field #9 at Sugarland Sports Complex. Come out Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights beginning at 7:00 p.m. and watch some ballgames.
- CPAC will be taking registrations for the upcoming 2014-15 season at the John Boy Auditorium on August 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Call them at 983-8399 or check their Fb page for more information.
- Sugar Dolls will begin their registration for the 2014-15 season at the Youth Center beginning Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm.
- AYSO Soccer is still taking registrations for the 2014-15 season and you may register at the Youth Center until Friday August 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.
- Go to [www.clewistonrecreation.com](http://www.clewistonrecreation.com) to check us out and get information regarding all your recreational needs.